

adult Scout leaders and volunteers, having already been awarded the Silver Beaver and Silver Antelope Awards.

Steve's background in Scouting was one of the reasons I reached out to him in 2007 when the Boy Scouts decided to move their National Jamboree from a Virginia military base to a permanent location. As Governor, I assembled a team of government officials and private volunteers to identify the best site in West Virginia and market it to the Boy Scouts. I called the group the West Virginia Project Arrow Task Force, and it was headed by Steve McGowan.

The competition with other States was tough. Proposals were submitted for 82 sites in 28 States. But with Steve as its chief, the West Virginia Project Arrow Task Force hit the bull's eye. The Boy Scouts chose a home in West Virginia—a 10,600-acre site in the New River Gorge, with easy access to white-water rafting, hiking, bicycling and rock climbing.

And this July, this permanent new home for the National Jamboree, the Summit Bechtel National Family Scout Reserve, will welcome more than 40,000 Boy Scouts and their leaders from all across the country to their 10-day long gathering of Scouts. This is going to be a wonderful experience for the Scouts. But it's also going to be an unprecedented opportunity for the entire world to see West Virginia hospitality at its best.

Steve McGowan helped to make all of this happen. And on Friday, when he accepts his Silver Buffalo Award at the Boy Scouts of America National Annual Meeting in Dallas, I hope he will take a well-deserved bow for all his contributions to Scouting. The Boy Scouts oath begins with a promise to do one's best and to do one's duty to God and country, and that is a promise Steve McGowan has kept every day.

Again, I extend my sincerest congratulations to him on being honored with the Silver Buffalo Award, and I thank him for all he has done for the Boy Scouts of America, for God and country and for the great State of West Virginia.●

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL KEITH KLEMMER

● Mr. PRYOR. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize and congratulate Arkansas's native son, Col. Keith Klemmer, for attaining to the rank of Brigadier General. On June 1 of this year, Col. Klemmer will receive this well-deserved promotion to the rank of Brigadier General at a ceremony in Arkansas.

Colonel Klemmer has served in a variety of positions in the 39th Infantry Brigade, 142nd Fires Brigade, and 87th Troop Command including Battery Commander, Battalion S3, Battalion XO, Battalion Commander, Brigade FSO, Brigade XO, and Brigade Commander. He is a veteran of both Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi

Freedom. Colonel Klemmer entered Title 32 Active Guard/Reserve service as a full-time soldier in March 1994. His full-time assignments have included Battalion Training Officer, Battalion and Brigade Administrative Officer, Recruiting and Retention Executive Officer, Recruiting and Retention Manager, Deputy Property and Fiscal Officer for Arkansas, State Training Officer, and Chief of Staff for the Arkansas Army National Guard.

Since October of 2011, Colonel Klemmer has served as the Chief of Staff for the Arkansas Joint Force Headquarters, where he is responsible for synchronizing efforts of unit readiness, force structure, and the sustainment of the National Guard for mobilization and domestic missions, a position which he has commanded with distinction.

Colonel Klemmer is a graduate of Arkansas State University and received a master's degree from the United States Army War College in 2007. He has received numerous awards and decorations for his service to our country, which include two Bronze Star Medals, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Achievement Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Arkansas Commendation Medal, and the Ancient Order of Saint Barbara. His career has been so impressive that he was inducted into the Arkansas Recruiting and Retention Hall of Fame in 2003.

In addition to his excellent military career, Colonel Klemmer is also an assistant scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts, serves as a deacon at his church in Russellville, AK, and is often a featured speaker for numerous local Memorial Day and Veteran's Day events. He and his wife, Sandra, have raised two wonderful children, Rachel and Gunner. Rachel graduated Summa Cum Laude from Harding University in 2010 and served as an intern in my Washington, D.C. office, while Gunner is currently a Trustee Scholar at Harding University.

Colonel Klemmer is a valued servant to the people of Arkansas and the United States of America. Our State and Nation have been fortunate to have Colonel Klemmer's 30 years of service, and I can only hope he can serve another 30 years. I thank him again for his dedication and commitment to keeping our Nation and State safe.●

TRIBUTE TO NORM BROWNSTEIN

● Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. President, today, I wish to speak about a very special Coloradan on the occasion of his 70th birthday—Mr. Norm Brownstein. I am joined by two of my esteemed colleagues, who associate themselves with these remarks today: Majority Leader HARRY REID and my fellow Colorado senator MICHAEL BENNET.

Norm Brownstein is someone who many Americans may not know, but he

is someone who has had an indelible effect on our Nation's public policy over the past several decades.

At root, Norm's story is an American success story. A Coloradan, a husband, a father of three, and a grandfather of four, Norm is someone who advocates passionately on behalf of the causes in which he believes. He is a man who rose from nothing to be involved at the apex of many of our country's most important political debates.

We are proud today to speak on the floor of the United States Senate on behalf of a man known by many of us as the "101st Senator," to wish him a happy birthday, and, on behalf of so many of our colleagues, to let the American people know a little bit about this man.

The son of a Russian immigrant, and an orphan in his teenage years, Norm was not afforded the opportunities granted to many others who find success. And yet, despite his hardships, Norm excelled at academics, and, while working part time at a bicycle shop, became the first in his family to graduate from college. After getting his degree at the University of Colorado in Boulder, he went on to get a law degree there.

Norm may have done well in school, but in the late 1960s the Nation's top firms were not as hospitable as they should have been to talented Jewish lawyers. But that did not stop him. Norm and his childhood friend Steve Farber decided to open up their own firm in 1968 and away they went. Today, that firm—Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck—has 240 lawyers and consultants and 10 offices.

At first, Norm was not involved in politics—instead focusing on building his firm through real estate and other traditional legal work. But as Norm's legal practice grew, so too did his community involvement, as well as his interest in policy and politics.

Norm's firm already was involved very much in Denver and Colorado from a civic standpoint as well as with Colorado's political leaders. But Norm decided to take it to the next level and work with as many political leaders in the country as he could, both Democrats and Republicans. But, unlike so many who develop political relationships to pursue a narrow personal agenda, Norm pursued these political relationships based on his love of Israel and his desire to promote America's relationship with our most important ally in the Middle East. He joined the board of AIPAC, the American/Israel Public Affairs Committee, and if a Member of Congress supported Israel, Norm worked with that Member, to help them help the United States and Israel. This went on for decades. After a while, Norm knew so many Senators so well, he was presented in 2003 with a photograph of this Chamber, with the signature of every senator in the body at that time, to go with a plaque previously signed by several of our colleagues with the title "our 101st Senator".

Over the years, folks would ask for Norm's help in Washington, DC, and eventually he decided to open an office in Washington in the late-1990s. Like his challenging childhood, and his rough introduction to the legal community, Norm faced numerous obstacles in opening a DC office operating out of Denver. But as with everything else he set his mind to, this effort also thrived. Today, Brownstein's DC office has risen from a meager shop of two people in 1997 to being at the top of its field.

In a tribute to Norm's many decades of work and successes, the Smithsonian Institution recently honored him in a permanent exhibit displaying 89 Americans who have had a profound impact on America's politics and policy. His colleagues in this exhibit include a who's who of major American political figures and business leaders including: our former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, the current House Majority Leader ERIC CANTOR, our current U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, the business icon and entrepreneur Steve Case, and the list goes on. It is not easy to be mentioned on a list of the most influential people in our Nation's political discourse when you are not in government. So it makes us proud that such a list would include a homegrown lawyer from Denver.

And through all of his policy and political work, Norm has always remained true to his core—helping Israel and helping the people of Colorado. For example, in our home State, Norm has worked with the U.S. Congress to, among other things: help the University of Colorado build its Health Sciences Center as well as obtain federal funding to research Down Syndrome; help the City of Denver obtain federal funding to build the Denver International Airport; and help National Jewish Health obtain federal funding for life saving respiratory projects.

This next example is instructive of where Norm's heart is—finding opportunities that intersect with good business, good public policy, and good benefits to everyday Americans. A number of years ago, some of our colleagues were talking about changing the laws involving foundations, because they thought there were a lot of abuses there. These were well-intentioned changes, but they would have prevented a particular philanthropist in Colorado from providing full-ride scholarship programs to students who could not otherwise afford to go to college in the State. Norm worked tirelessly on this issue. He educated numerous Members and staffs about the anomalous effect the pending proposals would have. His efforts led to a restructuring of the proposed law that allowed the bank that this philanthropist owned to stay private, and more importantly, stay involved. This bank is now the largest bank in Colorado, and it

houses one of the largest scholarship programs in the United States—and literally thousands of students will get to go to college because of Norm Brownstein's work.

Norm's incredible life story is one that could and should be instructive to us in these partisan times. His talent and work ethic are enormous. His love of the United States and Israel is limitless. And his affection for so many of us here in Congress is 100 percent genuine. And while his passion for politics and public policy is boundless, Norm does not care if you are a Democrat or a Republican. Instead, he just cares about you the person. Partisanship is a dirty word to Norm. We should all take a page from his playbook.

There are many of us here in the Congress who know Norm Brownstein as a friend and we are truly blessed. We hope we have helped you get to know him a little bit better too. Happy birthday to a great Coloradan—and a truly great American.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. William, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:40 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 3. An act to approve the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Keystone XL pipeline, and for other purposes.

H.R. 271. An act to clarify that compliance with an emergency order under section 202(c) of the Federal Power Act may not be considered a violation of any Federal, State, or local environmental law or regulation, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1949. An act to direct the Secretary of Education to convene the Advisory Committee on Improving Postsecondary Education Data to conduct a study on improvements to postsecondary education transparency at the Federal level.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 2 of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 715a), and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the Speaker appoints the following Members on the part of the House of Representatives to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission: Mr. WITTMAN of Virginia and Mr. DINGELL of Michigan.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 672(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 112-239), and the order of the House of January 3, 2013, the Speaker appoints the following individuals on the part of the House of Representatives to the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission: Mr. Dov S. Zakheim of Silver Spring, Maryland, and Mr. Michael R. Higgins of Washington, DC.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 3 of the Protect Our Kids Act of 2012 (Public Law 112-275) the Minority Leader appoints the following individual on the part of the House of Representatives to the Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities: Robert E. "Bud" Cramer of Huntsville, Alabama.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1949. An act to direct the Secretary of Education to convene the Advisory Committee on Improving Postsecondary Education Data to conduct a study on improvements to postsecondary education transparency at the Federal level; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 3. An act to approve the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Keystone XL pipeline, and for other purposes.

H.R. 271. An act to clarify that compliance with an emergency order under section 202(c) of the Federal Power Act may not be considered a violation of any Federal, State, or local environmental law or regulation, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1628. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Immokalee, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2012-1051)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1629. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; West Palm Beach, FL" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2012-0922)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2013; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1630. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation,